

STERN: *Psychology of Early Childhood*, 2nd English Edition, p. 63. "Charlotte Biihler . . . believes that in the very middle of this period, that is then about 3;0, a change takes place of a violent and critical nature, resembling in a minor degree what takes place on a larger scale in the crisis of puberty. Manifestations of defiance, sudden increases in affection and other emotional disturbances are said to be the signs of this critical period. She even believes that a first suggestion of sexual development then takes place,' a brief flicker of emotion which ebbs away again later on and does not recur again before puberty' "

6. MASTURBATION

26.10.25. For a few days round about this date, X. appeared to be masturbating at frequent intervals ; he sat or stood about in a vacant, dreamy way, fidgeting with his genital, for half-an-hour at a time. On one occasion, Penelope saw him doing this, and said, with much contempt, " Silly little boy." X. was very angry, and replied, " If you say that again, I'll kill you ! "

1. " Since she was eight months old she (a^ed 2;5) has indulged in bad habits. At first she simply rubbed her thighs by crossing her legs. I have taken her twice to a children's specialist. The first time, March 1931, he said we were to distract but not to scold her. We did distract her but with no success. Her Nurse was very patient. The second time, September 1931, he said she must be stopped at all costs and if everything else failed we would have to try apparatus. I had a trained hospital and maternity nurse with me. She and I never left the child and after a fortnight she was much better. Then she found other ways of rubbing (sitting with her heel under her, standing with one leg lifted,

sitting with
legs tightly together though not crossed) and
since then she
has been gradually getting worse again.
She is unusually
intelligent (this is not merely my opinion I)".
2. "C. is a strong healthy child (aged 3;6) and
has a habit
which I seem powerless to break. When I put
him down to
sleep at night he very often keeps himself awake
for a very long
time by laughing and shouting. This habit
started at least a